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SUBJ: VISITS OF GOVERNOR AND MAYOR TO SAN JUAN AND MIAMI

1. THE GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SAN MIGUEL AND HIS WIFE, THE MAYOR-ELECT OF THE CITY OF SAN MIGUEL, HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING CONTACTS FOR THEM WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS THEY COULD MEET DURING AN UPCOMING VISIT TO PUERTO RICO AND MIAMI.

2. GOVERNOR AND MRS. MAURICIO GARCIA PRIETRO PLAN TO SPEND APRIL 10 TO 15 IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AND THEN PROCEED TO MIAMI FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT DAYS. THE WIFE, GLORIA GIRALT DE GARCIA PRIETO, HAS JUST BEEN ELECTED MAYOR OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL, A CITY OF 80,000. WHILE IN THE US, THE MAYOR WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY OBSERVE THE CITY ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES AND PROBLEMS OF SAN JUAN AND MIAMI. SHE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ARRANGEMENTS THAT COULD BE MADE BEFOREHAND FOR HER AND HER HUSBAND TO MEET WITH HIGH CITY OFFICIALS TO LEARN FIRSTHAND, HOPEFULLY IN SPANISH, HOW
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THINGS WORK THERE.

3. BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN MEETING POTENTIAL INVESTORS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING POTENTIAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN SAN MIGUEL. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNOR MIGHT PROFIT FROM A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUERTO RICAN TRADE MISSION WHICH PLANS TO VISIT EL SALVADOR IN LATE APRIL . (SEE REFTEL)

4. THE GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE ARE BOTH FROM VERY PROMINENT AND WEALTHY SALVADORAN FAMILIES. THE GARCIA PRIETO FAMILY, ONE OF THE CATORCE, HAS EXTENSIVE WEALTH IN LAND (COFFEE, COTTON, CANE) IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES IN VARIOUS PART OF THE COUNTRY. THE WIFE'S FAMILY IS REPUTEDLY EVEN WEALTHIER THAN THE GOVERNOR'S. THE GOVERNOR WAS APPOINTED TO OFFICE BY PRESIDENT MONINA IN 1972. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE ARE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT PCN PARTY.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THE DEPARTMENT COULD DO TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE TWO CITY GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROPRIATE RECEPTION AND EXPOSURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND MAYOR. SINCE TIME IS EXTREMELY SHORT, AND THE GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION TO THE REQUEST, AND RPOMPT NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS.
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